

Asked how he feels today about Mrs. Kennedy, Manchester says: "I feel a deep well of sorrow that what began as a noble project should have descended to a law suit. I am distressed by the extent of the reaction against Jackie. I think that she is a symbol she is important."

"Maybe it's an illusion, but maybe people need illusions."

Manchester denies that his book is "pathologically anti-LBJ."

"I think Johnson acted in credibly difficult circumstances. I think he behaved well. We were all slobbs that afternoon. He was strong, effective."

On the matter of money Manchester says: "Yes, I'm going to make a lot. But in the light of my three years agony, it's not excessive."

In the publishing world, the estimates are that the Kennedy Memorial Library will make 5,000,000 dollars from the book.

My agent has predicted that my share may grow somewhere in the area of one and a half million dollars but that will be substantially reduced by taxes and legal expenses, and I may come out with something in the range of 500,000 dollars."

"At the time of writing I was not thinking in terms of money, and I refused to worry about it. I live quietly and frugally on the edge of a college campus and I don't intend to change my way of living now."